

Appl. No. 09/696,720
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PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-10 remain pending.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 6 and 15 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,138,004. Claims 3, 5, 8 and 10 are similarly rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 15 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,138,004 in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,761,618.

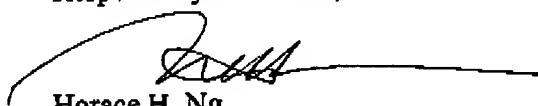
A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). The present application and U.S. Pat. No. 6,138,004 are commonly owned by the same assignee, Telemac Corporation. Hence, claims 1-10 are now believed to be allowable over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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